

A Day To Remember

Text: 2 Timothy 2:7-8 “Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.
⁸Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:”

As you well know, this weekend we celebrate Memorial Day—the day that we remember those who have gone on before us. Today we honor those who have died in battle to ensure the freedom that we celebrate as Americans. Today we also remember our late fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and friends. We remember the fond memories that we have of those loved ones. Many will have family reunions this weekend. Many will go to cemeteries and decorate burial places with brilliantly colored flowers. And many will spend the day in quiet remembrance of the frailty of life.

Today I want to encourage us to also remember our Savior Jesus Christ. As we remember those that have gone on before us, we remember that He has gone to prepare a place for us. There are four very important things that the Bible tells us about Christ we can remember this Memorial Day.

On this day to remember, first we can...

I. Remember Christ’s Provision (Matt. 16:8-10)

Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? ⁹Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? ¹⁰Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?").

A. Here we see a picture of the disciples of Christ just not “getting it.” In this passage Jesus is warning them to be careful of the Pharisees and the Sadducees—because their teaching was contrary to the Word of God. But the illustration Jesus used made them realize that they didn’t bring any bread, and the disciples began to worry.

B. Then Jesus reminded them of how He provided for them, as He asked, “Don’t you remember the five loaves for the five thousand and how many basketfuls you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?”

C. Here Jesus is reminding them that He will supply their needs. He is sufficient enough to take care of them, just as He had done in the past.

D. I think than many of us need to be reminded of the provision of God from time to time. No matter what the need is. He is able to handle it. In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he writes, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19). It wasn't just a promise to the church in Philippi, it is a promise to us today.

Not only can we remember Christ's provision, but we can also...

II. Remember Christ's Love

(Ephesians 2:4-7 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.)

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

A. Because of His great love for us, He has made us alive, even though we were dead.

B. Because of His great love for us, He has seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

C. Because of His great love for us, He will show the riches of His grace expressed to us in His kindness.

D. Because of His great love for us, we know what love really is and what it is all about.

III. Remember Christ's Sacrifice

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.)

A. Because of His sacrifice, our every need is met.

1. We have just finished discussing the fact that Jesus will meet our needs in this world as far as

our material needs. But because of His sacrifice, He does so much more.

2. He meets the needs of our physical bodies.

3. He meets our emotional needs. Psalm 147:3 says that “He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.” Not only is God concerned about our physical bodies, but he is concerned about our emotions, too. He heals the emotionally scarred.

C. Jesus commands us to remember Him. Every time we share communion together, we are remembering His sacrifice—His broken body and His spilled blood.

IV. Remember Christ's Return

(Revelation 3:3 “Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.”).

A. In this passage, the church in Sardis is being addressed. They are being told that even though they have deeds, and they have a reputation for being alive, they are dead. Then they are told to wake up and strengthen what remains and is about to die.

B. This is a church that at one time was on fire for God and made His priority it's priority. But they have lost their fervor. They have decayed and even what remains is dying. Jesus is saying to WAKE UP! We do not know when He is coming! We have to be watching and waiting.

E. Luke 12:35-46

CONCLUSION:

On this “Day to Remember,” have we remembered the four things I challenged us to remember at the beginning? I challenge us to remember them today.

Do we have needs in our lives? Remember Christ's provision.

Do we feel depressed and confused? Remember Christ's love.

Do we feel hurt and lonely? Remember Christ's sacrifice.

Do we feel far from Him and spiritually stagnant? Remember Christ's return.